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COMMUNICATIONS AREA

TO

GTR EMERGENCY, CONTINGENCY AND WAR PLAN

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1. As outlined in the CIA Global War Plan, the Office of Communications will provide communications support to Agency elements located within the continental limits of the United States. The various communications area headquarters, such as [REDACTED], will support overseas communications requirements. In a general war, these communications areas will be assigned to the CIA commander in charge of Agency operations within the theatre military command concerned. In the latter case, the Assistant Chief of Staff for Communications would be responsible to the CIA commander for CIA communications requirements within each theatre of operations involved in the war.

2. For a period of time after the outbreak of hostilities, communications personnel and facilities are expected to be in short supply unless there has been a considerable warning period during which a personnel and facilities build up could be effected. In most cases, CIA elements located in the continental limits of the United States will, of necessity, be given a lower priority for additional communications support (personnel, principally) than will the overseas areas which are directly involved in a war situation. Nevertheless, past experience indicates that the existing OC facilities will be austere adequate to bear the initial brunt of a wartime traffic increase; hence, OC's subsequent wartime build up capability should at least parallel that of other agency elements.

3. GTR's initial wartime ZI communications requirements can be handled by existing communications [REDACTED] When the locations of other ZI training sites are known, additional communications planning will be completed to provide needed coverage, based upon priorities assigned to the individual training projects by the DD/S. GTR's communications requirements

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overseas can be adequately covered by the arrangements described in existing communications annexes to the various global, area, contingency and country war plans. It is presumed that CTR elements will be located within a reasonable distance from other CIA elements or bases for logistical and administrative purposes. Such positioning of the training commands will greatly simplify needed communications support, since the communications facilities established for the supporting CIA element will be adequate for the needs of other CIA components in the area.

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